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1. The S/TR contribution to NIE-47 (IP-266) concerns Section II A 6 a - "What is the maximum tonnage of logistic support that could be given Chinese Communist forces over the Trans-Siberian railroad without seriously reducing essential industrial and military shipments to the Soviet Far East." The due date for S/TR's contribution is 1 March.

2. It is probable that S/TR will not be able to meet the due date for the following reasons:

Two factors are required in order to estimate the amount of logistic support that could be given the Chinese Communists.

1) An estimate of the minimum essential tonnage required to maintain the Soviet Far Eastern military forces; and

2) The minimum essential input requirements to support the Soviet industrial complex east of Lake Baikal.

On 17 January S/TR initiated a request to G-2 on an urgent basis addressed through D/C channels to satisfy the military aspects of the problem. As of today's date a response has not been received.

On 17 January S/TR addressed a memorandum to D/I for an estimate of the input of raw materials and equipment required to be transported on the Trans-Siberian railroad for Soviet industries east of Lake Baikal. It is evident from memoranda received from D/I on 11 February and 18 February that such information is not available in D/I.

S/TR is nevertheless attempting to tackle the problem on the basis of information available in the files. S/TR, however, is not prepared to finalize its estimates without the requested assistance necessary to compute the surplus capacity of the Trans-Siberian railroad.

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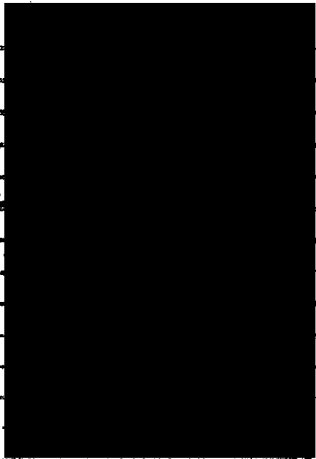
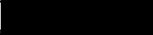
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